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IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 1-10 August 1995.

1 August 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah, Zakho and Amadiyah.
2. Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah and Artawi.

2 August 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.
2. Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Artawi and Busayyah.
3. On 2 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1005 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1125 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1245 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1400 hours.



3 August 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.
2. Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Qurnah.
3. On 3 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0851 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1045 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1155 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1345 hours.

4 August 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.
2. Southern region: 89 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.
3. On 4 August 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0840 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0955 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1035 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1210 hours.

The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1125 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1237 hours.

5 August 1995

Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

6 August 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Mosul, Aqrah and Irbil.
2. Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Samawah, Chabaish and Artawi.
3. At 1231 hours on 6 August 1995, a hostile two-aircraft formation dropped 15 heat flares 10 kilometres south of Qush in Ninawa Governorate.

7 August 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.
2. Southern region: 90 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Shanafiyah and Artawi.
3. On 7 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0845 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1015 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1155 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1308 hours.

4. At 1155 hours on 7 August 1995, a hostile formation dropped four heat flares in the area south of Qush, 40 kilometres north of Mosul.

8 August 1995

1. Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.
2. Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.
3. On 8 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0855 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1049 hours.

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The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1157 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1314 hours.

9 August 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul and Tall Afar.
2. Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Khidr, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

10 August 1995

1. Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.
2. Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.
3. At 0910 hours on 10 August 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1035 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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